

Proper information as to the remedies for their destruction were immediately distributed, and it is hoped that a further distribution of these pests can be prevented.

THE WORK OF THE HORTICULTURAL DIVISION.

A field test of a very considerable number of varieties of Irish potatoes was conducted during the year, but unfortunately the seasons proved so disastrous that the result was incomplete and not conclusive. The work heretofore done on the growing of flowering bulbs for commercial sale has been continued, with very satisfactory results. It includes all the more common bulbs, such as Roman hyacinths, lilies, narcissi, gladioli, freesias, etc., most of which are now imported in large quantities from Holland and Bermuda. This work has attracted considerable attention, and large importers look upon it with much favor. The bulbs grown here and in this State have compared most favorably with foreign-grown bulbs, and in many cases are superior to them. In addition, it has been proved that these bulbs can be forced under glass. It is very probable that a remunerative industry may be the result of this investigation. A bulletin was issued during the year 1895 on "Trucking Crops in the South," which has received wide appreciation. Another, prepared on the growth of garden vegetables for home use, was issued during the following year, and will prove of great value to the home-gardener. The division has necessarily been of great service in the conduct of the horticultural work conducted at Southern Pines, and most of the horticultural work of the Station will likely be transferred to that point in the future, as it has become necessary in the conduct of the co-operative work there that the assistant horticulturist be present there for a large portion of his time.

The work on growing vegetables under glass will be